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LETTER DATED 17 JULY 1995 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit the attached letter of today's date, from my Foreign Minister addressed to you.

May I ask for your kind assistance in circulating this letter as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Ivan Z. MISIC
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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Annex

Letter dated 17 July 1995 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina addressed to the President of the Security Council

Attacks against the safe area of Zepa have continued, bringing the population into ever growing tragedy, even while the forces of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina courageously resist beyond everyone's expectations. The humanitarian situation within the safe area of Zepa is dire, with the civilian population lacking shelter, food and medical supplies for wounded people.

Keeping especially in mind the brutality with which the Serb aggressor has dealt with the civilian population after the fall of Srebrenica, we request that the United Nations and joint action plan nations take responsibility for the security and even the safe evacuation of the civilian population from the so-called safe area of Zepa, in order to ensure their protection and prevent the repetition of Srebrenica. These emergency measures must be taken in the shortest possible time.

In view of this ongoing onslaught against the civilian population in the safe areas, particularly in Zepa, I request an emergency meeting of the Security Council to address these matters urgently.

(Signed) Muhamed SACIRBEY
Foreign Minister